



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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Dear Interested Person:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) is requesting public review and comment on the following items. Supporting information on these items can be found on our website under "Opportunity for Public Comment" at fwp.mt.gov/hunting/ or directly by using the links below.

Peregrine Falcon Falconry Take – Proposed

Based on findings in FWP's 2007 Final Environmental Assessment and the history of peregrine take in Montana, FWP proposes that the commission:

- authorize resident take of 10 nestling or fledged peregrines through a quota system during the 2018-19 biennium.
- authorize non-resident take of one nestling or fledged peregrine through a 2018-19 permit.
- restrict take to June 1-Aug. 31.
- limit take to one peregrine per year per falconer.
- impose a two-year waiting period for any falconer successful in taking a peregrine.
- allow only general or master falconers to take peregrines.
- prohibit take from eastern Montana to encourage expansion of the breeding population.
- prohibit take from certain nests of high value wildlife viewing opportunity and/or part of on-going agency approved research efforts (current list of closed-to-take nests = 8).
- prohibit the sale, barter or exchange of birds from the wild.

TO MAKE A COMMENT

For further clarification or additional materials, you may call the Wildlife Division office at 406-444-2612 or email at fwpwld@mt.gov. Comments will be accepted: online by using any of the links below; in writing sent to the address above; and by email to fwpwld@mt.gov.

COMMENT PERIOD DEADLINE & FINAL ADOPTION MEETING

The proposed items will be accepting public comments until **5 p.m. Friday, March 16, 2018**. Final consideration of the FWP Peregrine Falcon Falconry Take proposed item is tentatively scheduled for the **April 2018 Commission meeting**.

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<http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/publicComments/2018/peregrineFalconryTake.html>